

Senate Resolution 797

By: Senators Williams of the 19th and Hill of the 4th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the late Mr. R. T. Stanley, Sr., and his son, Mr. R. T. Stanley,
2 Jr.; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the late Mr. R. T. Stanley, Sr., was born in 1925; and

4 WHEREAS, he began farming with his son in 1950, growing soybeans, peanuts, and other
5 row crops on 100 acres of land in Vidalia, Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, because the acreage was not enough to support two families, Mr. R. T. Stanley,
7 Jr., left his father's farm and began sharing acreage with an uncle, and after four years of hard
8 labor and asset management, he was able to purchase 100 acres of his own; and

9 WHEREAS, in 1975, father and son decided to combine their assets, and Stanley Farms was
10 established; and

11 WHEREAS, Stanley Farms grew their first five acres of Vidalia onions in 1975 and today
12 grows over 1,000 acres of Vidalia onions; and

13 WHEREAS, one of the proudest accomplishments of Mr. Stanley, Sr., in addition to his
14 family and farming, was serving for many years on the board of Meadows Regional Medical
15 Center, and in honor of his dedication to the hospital, the Stanley Health Clinic was named
16 after him; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Stanley, Jr., has farmed for over 50 years and has made many contributions
18 to the farming community, serving as president of the Toombs County Farm Bureau for over
19 20 years, as chairman of the Vidalia Onion Committee for ten years, on the Board of
20 Directors of People's Bank for over 20 years, as chairman of the Toombs County ASCS for
21 nine years, as chairman of the Vidalia Onion Advisory Committee to the Georgia Department

1 of Agriculture, and on numerous other Georgia Department of Agriculture advisory councils;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, for his work, he received the Georgia Farmer of the Year award in 1971 and the
4 Toombs County Farm Family and Georgia Farm Family Award in 1973; and

5 WHEREAS, on Saturday, February 2, 2008, Mr. R.T. Stanley, Jr., will be honored by the
6 Vidalia Onion Committee with the Grower of the Year Award, and Mr. R.T. Stanley, Sr.,
7 will be inducted into the Vidalia Onion Hall of Fame.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that this body recognizes Mr.
9 R. T. Stanley, Sr., and Mr. R. T. Stanley, Jr., for their outstanding contributions to farming,
10 to their community, and to the State of Georgia.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
12 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Mr. R. T. Stanley, Jr., and the family of
13 Mr. R. T. Stanley, Sr.